

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: March 9, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:37 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Vernon Brown, Chair
Bob Cockrum
Susie Day
Monroe Gray
Dane Mahern
William Oliver
Earl Salisbury

Absent Members

Ron Gibson

PROPOSAL NO. 126, 2006 - approves a transfer and appropriation of \$94,706 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Federal Grants, Non-Lapsing Federal Grants and Non-Lapsing State Grants Funds) to fund extended day programming ("K-Plus") at IPS School 82/Christian Park School, after-school programming in IPS and Washington Township schools, and drug and alcohol prevention programs, financed by grants from the U.S. Department of Education and the State of Indiana tobacco settlement fund
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 127, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$6,920 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Non-lapsing State Grants Fund) to complete landscaping along the north bank of the Broad Ripple Canal from the Monon Trail to Guilford Avenue, financed by the balance of a 1999 grant from the Build Indiana Fund
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 128, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$955,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks General Fund) to complete land acquisition and site work at the future location of the First Tee Youth Golf Academy to be located in the area between 25th Street and 28th Street, Winthrop Avenue and the Monon Trail, financed by Indy Parks golf course revenues and grants from the First Tee program and the United States Golf Association
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 129, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$30,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund) to design repairs to the Taggart Memorial in Riverside Park, financed by a federal grant
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, March 9, 2006. Chair Vernon Brown called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Bob Cockrum, Susie Day, Monroe Gray, Jr., Dane Mahern, William "Duke" Oliver, and Earl Salisbury. Absent was Ron Gibson.

Chair Brown introduced himself as the newly appointed Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee. He introduced each Committee member, along with their respective Council district numbers, and also recognized President Gray, who is also the previous Chair of this Committee.

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Wayne Simpson, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), explained that this proposal is a combination of three grants (2 Federal and 1 State). The 21st Century Grant will pay for the IndyAfterSchool Program at Indianapolis Public School (IPS) #100, Forest Manor, and IPS #108 (William J. Gambold Middle School). It will be expanded to include Washington Township schools for the next three years as Westlane and Northview schools are added to the 21st Century Afterschool Program.

The United States Department of Education grant essentially provides full day kindergarten at IPS #82 and Christian Park.

The funds from the State of Indiana Tobacco Settlement Fund are used to support Indy Parks' drug and alcohol prevention programming.

Councillor Cockrum moved, seconded by Councillor Gray, to send Proposal No. 126, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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Mr. Simpson explained that the funding from this proposal is from an old Build Indiana Fund (BIF) grant received years ago that DPR has used for some time. He said that DPR sees this funding as the final expenditure of the grant balance.

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Don Colvin, Administrator, Resource Development, DPR, summarized that these funds would be used to buy additional plant materials and equipment necessary to plant and landscape the north bank of the canal from the Monon Trail to Guilford Avenue in Broad Ripple. He added that the funds will also go toward minor repairs to the "Turtle Sculpture" that is there.

Councillor Cockrum moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to send Proposal No. 127, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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Mr. Simpson explained that this project will be funded by two national, private grants including a \$50,000 grant from the United States Golf Association (USGA) and a \$100,000 reimbursable grant from First Tee. To complete this project, DPR is also appropriating \$805,000 from the Parks General Fund. He stated that these funds are non-tax dollars, but that the user fees at the municipal golf courses generate the funds. President Gray said he supports this and stated that this is what the golf fees should go for—the betterment of golf through youth programming.

Lou Hurrel, Golf Administrator, DPR, said that this funding will go toward building a junior golf facility as well as a clubhouse, range/practice area, and a three-hole short course.

Once this funding is approved, Councillor Mahern asked how long it will take for it to go out for bid. Mr. Colvin said that the acquisition of the property has actually been the delay. He believes it will take 3-4 months to go through the design/construction process, and then construction can begin.

Councillor Gray stated that this is a typical First Tee type of program, strictly for training youth. He said that there has been so much interest in youth golf at Douglass Park that they have run out of room, so this additional space is just what is needed. As the youth progress in their game, this will allow for more space at Douglass for advanced teaching.

Chair Brown asked if there has been opportunity for community feedback. Mr. Hurrel responded that there have been numerous community meetings and the residents support this. He added that this project would be in Councillor Jackie Nytes' district, and she has maintained continuous neighborhood communication.

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Councillor Gray moved, seconded by Councillor Salisbury, to send Proposal No. 128, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 129, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$30,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund) to design repairs to the Taggart Memorial in Riverside Park, financed by a federal grant

Mr. Simpson explained that this is a reimbursable grant that is administered through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Historic Preservation Archaeology.

Mr. Colvin explained that the Taggart Memorial was constructed in the 1920's to honor former Mayor Taggart. He noted that during this time there was a great period of architecture, and it was an honor to build a memorial of this stature in Indianapolis. It has since fallen into disrepair, and based on this grant, DPR would like to prepare construction documents to begin restoration.

Mr. Wynns noted that what makes this project so significant to the parks system is that when Mayor Taggart was in office, he purchased land from the old Bush Stadium location on West 16th Street all the way up to the Indianapolis Museum of Art on West 38th Street. Mr. Wynns said this land purchase was the "the birth of the parks system", and the city of Indianapolis now has 3 golf courses, the Major Taylor Velodrome, the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the former Bush Stadium, Kuntz Soccer Stadium, Riverside Park/Community Center, the Skateboard Park, etc. thanks to Mayor Taggart.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Gray, to send Proposal No. 129, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Parks and Recreation Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon Brown, Chair
Parks and Recreation Committee

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